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**To:** NOP Livestock

**Subject:** why do you make nondiscript laws? Is it so corporations who want to cheat honest concerned people can do so? I think so. Please change.

**Attachments:** ATTACHMENT.TXT

USDA,

Please Close the dairy transition loophole. Require that all replacement animals on all certified dairy operations be raised organically from the last third of gestation.

Require that all synthetic food processing substances meet the same criteria required of synthetic and nonsynthetic ingredients.

Write formal rules for emergency declarations of "commercial unavailability" before such allowances are granted.

I, as a consumer, am outraged that you would allow such loopholes to exist. As a consumer I will not purchase any product that I feel is not produced safely, respectfully and sustainably. Furthermore I do not feel that you, the USDA, are doing your job adequately until I see clear, accurate, informed legislation which maintains quality standards, rather than favoring large coporations who seek only to remain in control of the market while disregarding the safety of the citizen/consumers (whom it is your job to protect) as well as threatening small farms who are maintaining quality standards simply on principle. It is both disrespectful to to the consumer and a drain on the vibrancy of our country's food supply to allow such loose legislation.

sincerely,

Nathan Sterling

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